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SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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MEMORANDUM

April 13, 2023

To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic

From: Select Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Investigating the Origins of COVID-19, Part 2: China and the Available Intelligence”

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 9:30 AM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office building, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a hearing titled “Investigating the Origins of COVID-19, Part 2: China and the Available Intelligence.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Discovering the origins of COVID-19, natural or laboratory related, is vital to preventing future pandemics, protecting American public health, and informing the national security of the United States. This is not simply a scientific question, but also one involving the U.S. Intelligence Community. As former Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Robert Redfield, testified on March 8, 2023, “I don’t think that answer’s [where COVID-19 came from] going to come from the scientific community. I think that answer’s going to come from the Intelligence Community.” This hearing will strive to gather more information regarding what the Intelligence Community knows regarding the origins of COVID-19 and any roadblocks to delivering the information to the American people.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine China’s role in the origins of COVID-19 and the intelligence surrounding where COVID-19 came from.

III. WITNESSES:

Hon. John Ratcliffe
Former Director of National Intelligence
Former U.S. Representative

Mr. David Feith

Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Fellow at the Center for a New American Security